THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The import of LPG and value thereof during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94 was as under:—

Quantity: 000 Tonnes
Value : Rs. Crores

Year	Quantity	Value (CIF)
1992-93	228	218.3
1993-94*	410	237.2

Statement

(b) In addition to import price of LPG, the following local costs on an average were incurred during 1994-95 per M.T. (estimated):—

	(Rs)
(i) Whargfage landing charges etc.	5760
(ii) Ocean loss	36.23
(iii) Demurrage	437.12
(iv) Customs duty	1100 84
(v) Countervaling duty	843.97
TOTAL :	2475.76

Target for release of new LPG connection

5524. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to release new gas connections during 1995-96;

(b) if so, the total target fixed; and

(c) to what extent all the registered persons will get LPG connection in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The target for enrolment of new LPG customers for the country during 1995-96 has been fixed at 15 lakhs. New LPG connections are released to waitlisted applicants according to serial order of registration, depending new customer enrolment allotted to a distributor based on stock available with each distributor, waiting list and product availability. The effort is to release connections to as many applicants and as early as possible, depending on product availability.

Project for LPG import facilities at Mangalore

5525. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the LPG Import Facilities Project at Mangalore in Karnataka is likely to be completed;

(b) what is the total cost of the project and how much expenditure has been incurred on the project upto the 31st March, 1995; and

(c) what is the budget allocation for this project during 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The LPG import facility at Mangalore in Karnataka is expected to be completed by September, 1996.

(b) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 175.65 crores. As on 1-4-95, Rs. 5.60 crores have been incurred by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited towards implementation of the project.

(c) An amount of Rs. 70.00 crores has been allocated for the project during the year 1995-96.